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THE LOUISIANA ECONOMIC SITUATION

Total nonagricultural employment in Louisiana was estimated at 1,519,400 for May, an increase of 5,800 workers above April's revised estimate and 16,900 higher than the comparable period a year ago. Much of the increase was centered in the nondurable goods segment of manufacturing. Employment gains in both the trade and services sectors were the dominant factor for the increase in nonmanufacturing payrolls.

Durable goods employment for May, estimated at 76,100, was 100 employees higher than the April revised figure. Each segment of the lumber and wood products industry exhibited an employment increase for May.

Estimated employment in the nondurable goods segment of manufacturing increased by 600 workers from the revised April level. The most significant factor in this month's increase in nondurable goods employment was a seasonal increase in food and kindred product due to increased activity in seafood canning. The printing and publishing industry lost 200 workers since last month.

Louisiana's employment in nonmanufacturing industries during May was estimated at 1,347,600, up 5,100 from the April revised level of 1,342,500. Mining employment was lower due to decreased activity in exploration for oil and gas. Construction employment decreased by 100 workers. Transportation and public utilities payrolls lost 100 employees in May. More business for eating and drinking places resulted in higher employment for trade. Employment losses in insurance, real estate and credit agencies other than banks were significant in the downturn of finance, insurance and real estate payrolls. Seasonal increases in miscellaneous amusement and recreation services contributed to the employment gain for services in May. Reductions in state government payrolls were mainly responsible for the decrease in total government employment this month.

Average weekly earnings of Louisiana's 126,100 production workers in manufacturing increased from $459.26 in April to $462.76 in May, an increase of $3.50, and an increase of $8.81 from May of last year. Average hourly earnings were $0.10 lower in May than last month, but eight cents higher than May, 1988. Weekly hours averaged 42.3 during May, an increase of 0.7 hours from last month's figure.

Total unemployment for Louisiana stood at 178,000. The unemployment rate for May was 9.4 percent. The comparable national unemployment rate for May was 5.0 percent. The state's civilian labor force decreased to 1,895,500 workers. Estimated total employment decreased to 1,717,500 for the current month.

LOUISIANA
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	May 1989*	April 1989**	May 1988**	Net Change from April 1989	Net Change from May 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	1,519.4	1,513.6	1,502.5	+ 5.8	+16.9
MINING	56.9	57.1	56.4	- 0.2	+ 0.5
Oil and Gas Extraction	54.3	54.5	53.8	- 0.2	+ 0.5
Nonmetallic Minerals	2.6	2.6	2.6	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	89.7	89.6	84.3	+ 0.1	+ 5.4
MANUFACTURING	171.8	171.1	170.0	+ 0.7	+ 1.8
Durable Goods	76.1	76.0	75.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Lumber and Wood Products	12.4	12.1	12.5	+ 0.3	- 0.1
Furniture and Fixtures	0.6	0.6	0.7	0	- 0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	5.7	5.6	5.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Primary Metal Industries	3.3	3.3	2.8	0	+ 0.5
Fabricated Metal Products	12.8	12.9	12.3	- 0.1	+ 0.5
Machinery, Except Electrical	9.2	9.3	9.0	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	6.4	6.5	7.2	- 0.1	- 0.8
Transportation Equipment	23.3	23.2	23.3	+ 0.1	0
Other Durable Goods (1)	2.4	2.5	2.2	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Nondurable Goods	95.7	95.1	94.4	+ 0.6	+ 1.3
Food & Kindred Products	20.0	19.2	20.2	+ 0.8	- 0.2
Apparel & Other Textile Products	10.6	10.6	9.8	0	+ 0.8
Paper & Allied Products	12.4	12.5	11.9	- 0.1	+ 0.5
Printing & Publishing	9.8	10.0	10.0	- 0.2	- 0.2
Chemicals & Allied Products	27.5	27.4	26.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.8
Petroleum and Coal Products	11.0	11.0	11.2	0	- 0.2
Petroleum Refining	10.1	10.1	10.3	0	- 0.2
Other Nondurable Goods (2)	4.4	4.4	4.6	0	- 0.2
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	108.4	108.3	106.1	+ 0.1	+ 2.3
Railroad Transportation	5.1	5.1	5.2	0	- 0.1
Transportation, ex. Railroads	63.3	63.1	60.5	+ 0.2	- 2.8
Water Transportation	25.7	25.7	24.0	0	+ 1.7
Communication & Electric, Gas & Sanitary Ser.	40.0	40.1	40.4	- 0.1	- 0.4
Communication, Exc. U S Postal Service	18.0	18.2	18.0	- 0.2	0
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	22.0	21.9	22.4	+ 0.1	- 0.4
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	362.8	360.6	358.8	+ 2.2	+ 4.0
Wholesale Trade	82.1	81.7	81.9	+ 0.4	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	45.8	45.6	45.9	+ 0.2	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	36.3	36.1	36.0	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
Retail Trade	280.7	278.9	276.9	+ 1.8	+ 3.8
Gen. Merchandise, Apparel & Acc.	59.4	59.3	57.3	+ 0.1	+ 2.1
Food Stores	55.1	54.9	54.4	+ 0.2	+ 0.7
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	30.1	29.9	29.8	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
Eating & Drinking Places	86.1	84.9	85.2	+ 1.2	+ 0.9
Other Retail Trade	50.0	49.9	50.2	+ 0.1	- 0.2

LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	May 1989*	April 1989**	May 1988**	Net Change from April 1989	Net Change from May 1988
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	80.3	80.7	82.8	- 0.4	- 2.5
Banking	22.7	22.7	23.8	0	- 1.1
SERVICES	332.3	328.8	328.3	+ 3.5	+ 4.0
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	21.2	21.0	21.1	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
Personal Services	14.4	14.6	14.8	- 0.2	- 0.4
Business Services	62.9	62.6	60.8	+ 0.3	+ 2.1
Auto Repair, Services & Garages	9.5	9.5	9.8	0	- 0.3
Miscellaneous Repair Services	5.1	5.0	5.3	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Amusement & Recreation Services	9.2	7.9	8.9	+ 1.3	+ 0.3
Health Services	106.2	105.7	103.6	+ 0.5	+ 2.6
Legal Services	16.0	15.9	15.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.7
Educational Services	20.2	20.1	21.4	+ 0.1	- 1.2
Social Services	19.0	18.8	19.1	+ 0.2	- 0.1
Membership Organizations	25.7	25.4	26.1	+ 0.3	- 0.4
Miscellaneous Services	15.9	16.0	15.6	- 0.1	+ 0.3
GOVERNMENT	317.2	317.4	315.8	- 0.2	+ 1.4
Federal	36.9	36.9	36.3	0	+ 0.6
State and Local	280.3	280.5	279.5	- 0.2	+ 0.8
State	92.7	93.4	95.6	- 0.7	- 2.9
Local	187.6	187.1	183.9	+ 0.5	+ 3.7

* Preliminary **Revised
(1) Includes Professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries
(2) Includes Leather, Rubber and Textile products.

All estimates of Nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication are prepared in cooperation with U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, with the exception of the Lake Charles MSA which is prepared under the auspices of the Louisiana Department of Labor, and include all full-time and part-time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	May '89*	April '89**	May '88**	May '89*	April '89**	May '88**	May '89*	April '89**	May '88**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$462.76	$459.26	$453.95	42.3	41.6	41.8	$10.94	$11.04	$10.86
Durable Goods	420.30	413.13	409.34	42.8	41.9	42.2	9.82	9.86	9.70
Lumber & Wood Products	363.36	362.95	350.53	42.3	42.6	42.8	8.59	8.52	8.19
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	368.43	344.32	371.94	42.3	40.7	43.4	8.71	8.46	8.57
Fabricated Metal Products	428.26	430.68	419.58	46.0	44.4	43.3	9.31	9.70	9.69
Machinery, ex. Electrical	397.96	382.03	390.66	42.7	41.3	43.6	9.32	9.25	8.96
Electric & Electronic Equip.	554.95	509.94	507.15	43.8	40.6	41.4	12.67	12.56	12.25
Transportation Equipment	448.45	440.84	437.13	41.6	41.2	41.2	10.78	10.70	10.61
Nondurable Goods	498.67	498.90	493.85	41.8	41.3	41.5	11.93	12.08	11.90
Food & Kindred Products	296.74	286.71	296.54	39.2	36.9	36.7	7.57	7.77	8.08
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	202.88	206.70	199.18	36.1	36.2	37.3	5.62	5.71	5.34
Paper & Allied Products	613.73	514.41	596.01	44.7	39.0	43.6	13.73	13.19	13.67
Printing & Publishing	396.00	405.58	384.94	37.5	39.3	38.0	10.56	10.32	10.13
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	714.02	761.76	695.81	45.8	48.0	45.3	15.59	15.87	15.36
Petroleum & Coal Products	658.05	663.00	686.14	42.4	42.5	45.2	15.52	15.60	15.18
Petroleum Refining	664.44	668.45	698.79	42.0	42.2	45.2	15.82	15.84	15.46
MINING	546.67	542.18	551.05	45.9	45.6	47.3	11.91	11.89	11.65
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	524.10	526.49	512.15	41.3	41.1	40.2	12.69	12.81	12.74
BANKING	282.30	276.40	268.96	38.2	37.1	37.2	7.39	7.45	7.23

(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 126,100 full and part-time workers in manufacturing and 88,700 nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect over-time, late shift work and incentive rates.

LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

(in thousands)	PRELIMINARY MAY 1989 Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	REVISED APRIL 1989 Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	REVISED MAY 1988 Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
LOUISIANA	1,895.5	1,717.5	178.0	9.4	1,907.8	1,724.8	183.0	9.6	1,933.7	1,723.7	210.0	10.9
METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS:												
Alexandria 1/	59.8	54.2	5.6	9.3	59.9	54.2	5.7	9.5	60.3	54.3	6.0	9.9
Baton Rouge 2/	266.8	245.7	21.1	7.9	269.3	248.4	20.9	7.8	272.7	248.5	24.2	8.9
Houma - Thibodaux 3/	69.7	63.3	6.4	9.1	70.5	63.4	7.1	10.0	71.6	63.3	8.3	11.7
Lafayette 4/	99.3	91.1	8.2	8.3	99.7	91.4	8.3	8.3	99.3	89.7	9.6	9.6
Lake Charles 5/	73.7	66.5	7.2	9.7	73.3	66.3	7.0	9.6	75.9	66.7	9.2	12.2
Monroe 6/	66.9	61.0	5.9	8.8	67.6	61.4	6.2	9.2	69.5	62.4	7.1	10.2
New Orleans 7/	592.2	542.0	50.2	8.5	596.0	545.6	50.4	8.4	600.4	542.3	58.1	9.7
Shreveport 8/	157.9	142.9	15.0	9.5	158.9	143.1	15.8	9.9	164.6	147.3	17.3	10.5

1/ Rapides Parish only. 2/ Includes Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge parishes. 3/ Includes Lafourche and Terrebonne parishes. 4/ Includes Lafayette and St. Martin parishes. 5/ Calcasieu Parish only. 6/ Ouachita Parish only. 7/ Includes Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany , St. Charles and St. John the Baptist parishes. 8/ Includes Bossier and Caddo parishes.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Consumer Price Index, sometimes called the "Cost of Living Index", is a monthly measure of the average change in prices in a fixed quantity of goods and services.

All Urban Consumers	Index	%Change from Prior Month	% Change from Prior Year
May 1988	117.5		
May 1989	123.8	+ 0.6	+ 5.4

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, OTHER AREAS

	PRELIMINARY MAY 89				REVISED APRIL 89			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE
CROWLEY (ACADIA)	21,825	19,550	2,275	10.4	21,825	19,625	2,200	10.1
OAKDALE (ALLEN)	9,200	8,125	1,075	11.6	9,250	8,125	1,125	12.2
NAPOLEONVILLE (ASSUMPTION)	6,100	5,275	825	13.7	6,200	5,275	925	15.0
BUNKIE (AVOYELLES)	15,650	13,325	2,325	14.9	15,700	13,200	2,500	16.0
DERIDDER (BEAUREGARD)	13,050	11,775	1,275	9.8	13,100	11,800	1,300	9.9
ARCADIA (BIENVILLE)	6,750	6,050	700	10.5	6,900	6,100	800	11.5
COLUMBIA (CALDWELL)	3,900	3,500	400	10.5	4,000	3,500	500	12.5
CAMERON (CAMERON)	4,825	4,500	325	7.0	4,700	4,250	450	9.8
JONESVILLE (CATAHOULA)	3,975	3,325	650	16.3	3,975	3,250	725	18.4
HOMER (CLAIBORNE)	7,950	7,200	750	9.4	7,950	7,225	725	9.0
FERRIDAY (CONCORDIA)	10,300	9,025	1,275	12.4	10,100	8,750	1,350	13.4
MANSFIELD (DESOTO)	12,550	11,175	1,375	11.0	13,100	11,600	1,500	11.5
LAKE PROVIDENCE (E. CARROLL)	4,150	3,275	875	21.3	4,150	3,175	975	23.6
CLINTON (EAST FELICIANA)	7,175	6,450	725	10.2	7,275	6,525	750	10.2
VILLE PLATTE(EVANGELINE)	13,225	11,750	1,475	11.2	13,250	11,675	1,575	11.9
WINNSBORO (FRANKLIN)	7,875	6,800	1,075	13.6	7,900	6,750	1,150	14.5
COLFAX (GRANT)	6,800	5,975	825	12.0	6,875	5,975	900	13.1
NEW IBERIA (IBERIA)	25,675	23,075	2,600	10.1	25,675	23,075	2,600	10.1
PLAQUEMINE (IBERVILLE)	10,975	9,500	1,475	13.4	11,075	9,525	1,550	14.0
JONESBORO (JACKSON)	6,550	5,975	575	8.7	6,700	6,000	700	10.5
JENNINGS (JEFFERSON DAVIS)	11,100	9,675	1,425	12.8	11,225	9,700	1,525	13.5
JENA (LASALLE)	6,525	5,875	650	9.9	6,550	5,900	650	9.9
RUSTON (LINCOLN)	17,650	16,850	800	4.6	17,650	16,800	850	4.8
TALLULAH (MADISON)	5,450	4,675	775	14.3	5,475	4,700	775	14.2
BASTROP (MOREHOUSE)	12,075	10,650	1,425	11.8	12,125	10,575	1,550	12.8
NATCHITOCHES (NATCHITOCHES)	16,375	14,575	1,800	11.0	16,150	14,450	1,700	10.5
POINT-A-LA-HACHE (PLAQUM.)	8,600	7,750	850	9.9	8,650	7,725	925	10.7
NEW ROADS (POINTE COUPEE)	7,175	6,050	1,125	15.8	7,175	6,050	1,125	15.6
COUSHATTA (RED RIVER)	4,250	3,775	475	11.2	4,450	3,775	675	15.0
RAYVILLE (RICHLAND)	8,500	7,525	975	11.5	8,525	7,475	1,050	12.2
MANY (SABINE)	9,725	8,825	900	9.2	9,850	8,950	900	9.1
GREENSBURG (ST. HELENA)	2,875	2,550	325	11.2	2,825	2,525	300	10.5
LUTCHER (ST. JAMES)	7,575	6,650	925	12.4	7,725	6,775	950	12.4
OPELOUSAS (ST. LANDRY)	30,475	26,100	4,375	14.3	30,800	26,150	4,650	15.1
MORGAN CITY (ST. MARY)	24,250	21,550	2,700	11.1	24,475	21,600	2,875	11.7
HAMMOND (TANGIPAHOA)	37,500	32,675	4,825	12.9	37,650	32,875	4,775	12.7
ST. JOSEPH (TENSAS)	2,950	2,650	300	10.4	3,000	2,625	375	12.6
FARMERVILLE (UNION)	8,350	7,475	875	10.4	8,400	7,500	900	10.8
ABBEVILLE (VERMILION)	18,525	16,300	2,225	12.0	18,575	16,150	2,425	13.1
LEESVILLE (VERNON)	18,300	16,675	1,625	8.8	18,475	16,800	1,675	9.0
BOGALUSA (WASHINGTON)	18,000	15,975	2,025	11.2	18,425	16,100	2,325	12.6
MINDEN (WEBSTER)	19,650	17,400	2,250	11.4	19,750	17,525	2,225	11.3
OAK GROVE (WEST CARROLL)	4,700	3,700	1,000	21.5	4,800	3,625	1,175	24.4
ST. FRANCISVILLE (W. FELIC.)	4,200	3,825	375	9.2	4,250	3,825	425	9.9
WINNFIELD (WINN)	5,925	5,425	500	8.4	5,925	5,425	500	8.5

NOTE: LABOR MARKET AREAS ARE DESIGNATED BY NAME OF PRINCIPAL TOWN, BUT INCLUDE ALL OF PARISH IN PARENTHESES.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25 EXCEPT MSAS AND STATEWIDE WHICH ARE ROUNDED TO NEAREST 100. SUBTOTALS MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING. RATES COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

ALEXANDRIA AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	May 1989*	April 1989**	May 1988**	Net Change From April 1989	Net Change From May 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	45.5	45.2	45.4	+ 0.3	+ 0.1
MANUFACTURING	3.4	3.4	3.2	0	+ 0.2
Durable Goods	2.0	2.0	1.9	0	+ 0.1
Lumber & Wood Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
Other Durable Goods	1.6	1.6	1.5	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.3	0	+ 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.9	0.9	0.8	0	+ 0.1
MINING	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2.0	1.9	2.3	+ 0.1	- 0.3
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.1	2.1	2.1	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	10.6	10.4	11.0	+ 0.2	- 0.4
Wholesale Trade	1.9	1.9	1.9	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	1.2	1.1	1.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	0.7	0.8	0.8	- 0.1	- 0.1
Retail Trade	8.7	8.5	9.1	+ 0.2	- 0.4
General Merchandise	1.6	1.6	1.8	0	- 0.2
Auto Dlrs. & Svc. Sta.	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	2.5	2.4	2.5	+ 0.1	0
Other Retail Trade	3.6	3.5	3.8	+ 0.1	- 0.2
FINANCE, INS., & REAL ESTATE	2.5	2.5	2.6	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	11.5	11.5	11.3	0	+ 0.2
Health Services	5.1	5.1	5.0	0	+ 0.1
GOVERNMENT	13.2	13.2	12.7	0	+ 0.5
Federal	3.2	3.2	2.8	0	+ 0.4
State and Local	10.0	10.0	9.9	0	+ 0.1
State	4.5	4.5	4.6	0	- 0.1
Local	5.5	5.5	5.3	0	+ 0.2

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria MSA was estimated at 45,500 for May. This estimate was 300 more than last month and 100 more than May, 1988.

Current month employment in manufacturing was estimated at 3,400. This figure was unchanged from the previous month and 200 above May of last year. The increase over last year was due to increases in both other durable goods and other nondurable goods.

Nonmanufacturing employment for May was estimated at 42,100. This figure increased by 300 from last month but decreased by 100 from May, 1988. The change from April was due to increases in other retail trade, eating and drinking places, as well as construction. The overall change from May, 1988 resulted from increases in manufacturing, services, and government with decreases in construction, wholesale and retail trade, and finance, insurance, and real estate.

BATON ROUGE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	May 1989*	April 1989**	May 1988**	Net Change From April 1989	Net Change From May 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	222.7	223.1	222.4	- 0.4	+ 0.3
MANUFACTURING	19.5	19.4	19.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Durable Goods	4.4	4.3	4.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	0.8	0.8	0.7	0	+ 0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	1.3	1.2	1.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Other Durable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0
Nondurable Goods	15.1	15.1	15.0	0	+ 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	1.5	1.5	1.6	0	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	1.4	1.4	1.5	0	- 0.1
Chemicals and Petroleum Products	10.7	10.7	10.6	0	+ 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	1.5	1.5	1.3	0	+ 0.2
MINING	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	24.5	24.5	25.7	0	- 1.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILTIES	10.4	10.4	10.5	0	- 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	53.7	53.2	52.0	+ 0.5	+ 1.7
Wholesale Trade	12.0	11.8	11.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.5
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	8.4	8.3	8.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	3.6	3.5	3.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Retail Trade	41.7	41.4	40.5	+ 0.3	+ 1.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	13.6	13.6	13.6	0	0
Banking	3.4	3.4	3.4	0	0
SERVICES	45.7	46.2	45.9	- 0.5	- 0.2
GOVERNMENT	54.3	54.8	54.6	- 0.5	- 0.3
Federal	2.3	2.3	2.3	0	0
State and Local	52.0	52.5	52.3	- 0.5	- 0.3
State	29.4	30.0	29.7	- 0.6	- 0.3
Local	22.6	22.5	22.6	+ 0.1	0

BATON ROUGE AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	May '89*	April '89**	May '88**	May '89*	April '89**	May '88**	May '89*	April '89**	May '88**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$550.29	$552.54	$540.58	42.2	43.1	42.2	$13.04	$12.82	$12.81
Petro-Chemicals	708.05	710.76	706.50	44.7	45.3	45.0	15.84	15.69	15.70

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 13,100 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

BATON ROUGE AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Baton Rouge MSA decreased 400 in May to 222,700, but had a slight gain of 300 over the year-ago level. Manufacturing payrolls were up, while seasonal losses in nonmanufacturing, occurring in government and services, were responsible for the current downturn in employment.

Manufacturing employment rose 100 to a level of 19,500, a figure 400 greater than the previous year estimate. The durable goods industry of fabricated metal products was the only sector in manufacturing that reported more business in the month of May.

Nonmanufacturing employment moved downward to 203,200, a loss of 500. Services employment decreased by 500, with the majority occurring in the motion pictures, and amusement and recreation sectors. State government employment was down due to seasonal decreases in state colleges and universities. Seasonal advances were reported in local government due to the upstart of temporary summer staff hiring.

Average weekly earnings of the Baton Rouge MSA's 13,100 production workers in all manufacturing was $550.29 for May, a decrease of $2.25 from the April average. Compared to the prior year, weekly earnings were up $9.71. Average weekly hours at 42.2, declined 0.9 hours, while average hourly earnings at $13.04, increased $0.22 per hour. Less overtime worked at premium pay contributed to these changes.

The total civilian labor force for the Baton Rouge MSA declined to 266,800 for the month of May. Total employment moved downward to 245,700, while total unemployment moved upward to 21,100. Presently the local unemployment rate is 7.9 percent.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 3,207 individuals with new or renewal applications. A total of 3,285 referrals to current job openings resulted in 855 placements during the month of May.

HOUMA - THIBODAUX AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	May 1989*	April 1989**	May 1988**	Net Change From April 1989	Net Change From May 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	54.3	54.2	54.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
MANUFACTURING	4.5	4.4	4.7	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Durable Goods	2.9	2.9	3.0	0	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	1.6	1.5	1.7	+ 0.1	- 0.1
MINING	5.8	6.0	5.8	- 0.2	0
CONSTRUCTION	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	6.3	6.2	6.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Water Transportation	4.0	3.9	3.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	13.7	13.6	13.7	+ 0.1	0
Wholesale Trade	3.1	3.0	3.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	10.6	10.6	10.7	0	- 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	3.3	3.2	3.3	+ 0.1	0
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.1	2.2	2.2	- 0.1	- 0.1
SERVICES	9.4	9.4	9.1	0	+ 0.3
GOVERNMENT	10.7	10.6	10.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Federal	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
State and Local	10.2	10.1	10.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
State	3.1	3.0	3.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Local	7.1	7.1	7.1	0	0

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma-Thibodaux MSA in May edged up to 54,300, a level 100 above April. The scattered small increases were mostly seasonal in nature. Since May, 1988, nonagricultural employment showed a gain of 200.

Manufacturing employment totaled 4,500, up 100 over the previous month. The nondurable goods segment exhibited an increase due to seasonal factors affecting the seafood processing industry. The durable goods segment remained steady.

Mining exhibited a decrease in employment in oil and gas field services. Water transportation pushed up slightly. Wholesale trade was boosted by a small seasonal gain. Banking made downward adjustments in employment. State government reflected a temporary seasonal upturn in educational services.

Estimated unemployment was 6,400 in May. Unemployment presently comprises 9.1 percent of the civilian labor force for the Houma-Thibodaux area. Recipients of regular unemployment benefits totaled 1,105.

LAFAYETTE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	May 1989*	April 1989**	May 1988**	Net Change From April 1989	Net Change From May 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	86.3	86.3	84.4	0	+ 1.9
MANUFACTURING	6.8	6.9	7.1	- 0.1	- 0.3
Durable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0
Nondurable Goods	5.0	5.1	5.3	- 0.1	- 0.3
Food & Kindred Products	1.5	1.5	1.6	0	- 0.1
MINING	11.4	11.4	11.2	0	+ 0.2
CONSTRUCTION	3.7	3.8	3.0	- 0.1	+ 0.7
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	6.2	6.2	5.7	0	+ 0.5
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	23.4	23.4	23.0	0	+ 0.4
Wholesale Trade	5.4	5.4	5.2	0	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	3.2	3.2	3.1	0	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	2.2	2.2	2.1	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	18.0	18.0	17.8	0	+ 0.2
General Merchandise	2.9	2.9	2.9	0	0
Food Stores	2.7	2.7	2.7	0	0
Auto. Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.7	1.8	1.6	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Other Retail Trade	10.7	10.6	10.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	3.5	3.5	3.6	0	- 0.1
Banking	1.0	1.0	1.1	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	18.6	18.5	18.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
GOVERNMENT	12.7	12.6	12.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Federal	0.8	0.8	0.9	0	- 0.1
State and Local	11.9	11.8	11.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
State	4.9	4.8	4.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Local	7.0	7.0	7.0	0	0

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lafayette MSA was estimated at 86,300 during the month of May. This estimate was unchanged from last month's revised figure, but compared to May, 1988, non-farm employment has grown by 1,900 jobs.

Employment in the manufacturing sector was estimated at 6,800, a decrease of 100 from last month's estimate. The drop in employment was attributed to a decline in the nondurable goods sector of the economy.

Construction dropped by 100 from the revised April estimate, but is up by 700 over the May, 1988 figure. Services increased by 100 due to more activity in automotive repair in the month of May. Government was up by 100 due to additional hiring at local educational institutions. All other sectors of the economy showed no change from last month.

LAKE CHARLES AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	May 1989*	April 1989**	May 1988**	Net Change From April 1989	Net Change From May 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	59.6	59.0	58.6	+ 0.6	+ 1.0
MANUFACTURING	10.7	10.8	11.2	- 0.1	- 0.5
Durable Goods	2.4	2.5	2.8	- 0.1	- 0.4
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	0.1	0.1	0.1	0	0
Other Durable Goods	2.3	2.4	2.7	- 0.1	- 0.4
Nondurable Goods	8.3	8.3	8.4	0	- 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Chemical & Pet. Products	7.7	7.7	7.7	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.4	0.4	0.5	0	- 0.1
MINING	0.9	0.9	0.9	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	4.8	4.3	4.0	+ 0.5	+ 0.8
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	4.1	3.9	3.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.0	13.9	13.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Wholesale Trade	2.5	2.5	2.6	0	- 0.1
Retail Trade	11.5	11.4	11.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.5	2.5	2.1	0	+ 0.4
Auto Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.3	1.2	1.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	3.6	3.6	3.7	0	- 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.7	2.7	2.8	0	- 0.1
Banking	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
SERVICES	11.9	12.0	11.8	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Personal Services	0.5	0.5	0.6	0	- 0.1
GOVERNMENT	10.5	10.5	10.3	0	+ 0.2
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	9.9	9.9	9.7	0	+ 0.2
State	3.0	3.0	3.1	0	- 0.1
Local	6.9	6.9	6.6	0	+ 0.3

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lake Charles MSA was estimated at 59,600 for May, 1989, an increase of 600 from the revised April, 1989 figure. Since last May, nonagricultural employment has increased by 1,000 jobs.

Manufacturing decreased by 100 workers from the previous month due to a decrease in the other durable goods sector of the economy. Services fell by 100 from April's figure due to a drop in employment in the legal services segment of the economy. Construction rose by 500 workers from the prior month due to additional activity at the petro-chemical plants in the area. Transportation and public utilities employment increased by 200 from last month's revised estimate; the increase was centered in the motor freight and water transportation sectors. Wholesale and retail trade was up by 100 over the previous month's figure and has increased by 300 workers from the May, 1988 estimate. All other sectors showed little or no change from April's revised estimate.

MONROE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	May 1989*	April 1989**	May 1988**	Net Change From April 1989	Net Change From May 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	53.8	54.0	55.1	- 0.2	- 1.3
MANUFACTURING	7.1	7.6	7.5	- 0.5	- 0.4
Durable Goods	1.9	2.2	2.2	- 0.3	- 0.3
Lumber & Wood Products	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	1.7	2.0	2.0	- 0.3	- 0.3
Nondurable Goods	5.2	5.4	5.3	- 0.2	- 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.7	0.7	0.8	0	- 0.1
Chemical & Allied Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	4.0	4.2	4.0	- 0.2	0
MINING	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2.3	2.2	2.4	+ 0.1	- 0.1
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.8	2.8	2.9	0	- 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	13.3	13.4	14.1	- 0.1	- 0.8
Wholesale Trade	3.5	3.5	3.9	0	- 0.4
Retail Trade	9.8	9.9	10.2	- 0.1	- 0.4
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.3	2.3	2.5	0	- 0.2
Auto Dealers & Serv. Sta.	1.1	1.1	1.1	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	3.1	3.2	3.3	- 0.1	- 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.2	4.3	4.4	- 0.1	- 0.2
Banking	0.9	0.9	1.0	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	12.3	12.1	11.7	+ 0.2	+ 0.6
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.6	0.6	0.5	0	+ 0.1
Personal Services	0.6	0.6	0.5	0	+ 0.1
Health Services	5.4	5.4	5.3	0	+ 0.1
GOVERNMENT	11.4	11.2	11.7	+ 0.2	- 0.3
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	10.8	10.6	11.1	+ 0.2	- 0.3
State	4.7	4.6	4.8	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Local	6.1	6.0	6.3	+ 0.1	- 0.2

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment, estimated at 53,800 during May, was down 200 from the April estimate of 54,000.

Manufacturing, estimated at 7,100, was down 500. Durable goods declined by 300, while nondurable goods was down by 200.

Construction rose by 100 to an estimated 2,300 as contractors began the task of repairing damage caused by the recent hailstorm. Rain hampered other outside construction. Wholesale and retail trade was down by 100. Finance, insurance and real estate lost 100 in credit agancies other than banks. Services rose by 200. The gain was in amusement and recreation services as the outdoor sports season got underway. Government was up by 200, as state and local governments each had gains of 100. All other segments were unchanged.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	May 1989*	April 1989**	May 1988**	Net Change From April 1989	Net Change From May 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	520.5	519.7	517.6	+ 0.8	+ 2.9
MANUFACTURING	43.6	43.2	43.9	+ 0.4	- 0.3
Durable Goods	22.7	22.5	22.7	+ 0.2	0
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
Fabricated Metal Products	2.1	2.1	2.2	0	- 0.1
Machinery	2.7	2.7	2.7	0	0
Transportation Equipment	14.1	13.9	14.1	+ 0.2	0
Ship & Boatbuilding & Repairing	10.5	10.3	10.4	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
Other Durable Goods	2.0	2.0	1.9	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	20.9	20.7	21.2	+ 0.2	- 0.3
Food & Kindred Products	6.0	5.8	6.4	+ 0.2	- 0.4
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0
Paper & Allied Products	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
Printing & Publishing	3.7	3.7	3.7	0	0
Chemicals and Allied Products	4.9	4.8	4.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Petroleum & Coal Products	3.4	3.5	3.5	- 0.1	- 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	0.4	0.4	0.3	0	+ 0.1
MINING	15.1	15.2	15.1	- 0.1	0
Oil & Gas Extraction	14.2	14.3	14.2	- 0.1	0
CONSTRUCTION	23.1	23.1	22.1	0	+ 1.0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	44.2	44.3	43.9	- 0.1	+ 0.3
Railroad Transportation	1.4	1.4	1.5	0	- 0.1
Water Transportation	13.2	13.3	12.8	- 0.1	+ 0.4
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	134.4	134.6	134.2	- 0.2	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade	32.9	32.8	32.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.9
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	18.7	18.7	18.5	0	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	14.2	14.1	13.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.7
Retail Trade	101.5	101.8	102.2	- 0.3	- 0.7
General Merchandise	12.9	13.5	13.7	- 0.6	- 0.8
Food Stores	20.3	20.1	20.0	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
Eating & Drinking Places	34.6	34.4	34.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	33.2	33.3	33.8	- 0.1	- 0.6
Banking	7.1	7.1	7.2	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	139.7	139.0	138.2	+ 0.7	+ 1.5
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	13.1	12.9	13.1	+ 0.2	0
Health Services	37.9	37.9	37.1	0	+ 0.8
GOVERNMENT	87.2	87.0	86.4	+ 0.2	+ 0.8
Federal	16.4	16.3	16.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
State and Local	70.8	70.7	70.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
State	18.6	18.6	18.9	0	- 0.3
Local	52.2	52.1	51.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.7

NEW ORLEANS AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	May '89*	April '89**	May '88**	May '89*	April '89**	May '88**	May '89*	April '89**	May '88**
All MANUFACTURING	$428.90	$438.60	$416.52	40.5	40.8	40.4	$10.59	$10.75	$10.31
Durable Goods	382.96	388.33	377.74	40.1	40.2	40.4	9.55	9.66	9.35
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	306.36	275.70	291.10	33.3	30.0	31.1	9.20	9.19	9.36
Fabricated Metal Products	344.81	391.20	445.66	38.1	40.0	44.7	9.05	9.78	9.97
Ship & Boatbuilding and Repairing	362.10	360.59	349.67	40.1	40.2	40.1	9.03	8.97	8.72
Nondurable Goods	479.35	493.49	458.21	40.9	41.4	40.3	11.72	11.92	11.37
Food & Kindred Products	319.55	307.47	305.45	37.2	34.9	35.6	8.59	8.81	8.58
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	209.66	203.00	188.47	36.4	35.0	37.1	5.76	5.80	5.08
Paper & Allied Products	432.42	364.63	419.25	46.9	43.1	43.9	9.22	8.46	9.55
Printing & Publishing	390.04	417.53	356.18	39.2	43.0	38.8	9.95	9.71	9.18
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	713.71	783.64	712.57	45.2	49.1	45.3	15.79	15.96	15.73

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 10,500 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

NEW ORLEANS AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the New Orleans MSA in May increased to 520,500, a level 800 above April. Seasonal gains were mostly responsible. Over the year, nonagricultural employment gained 2,900 with losses in some industry divisions offset by larger increases in others.

Manufacturing employment totaled 43,600, up 400 over the previous month. Ship and boat building and repairing experienced a gain due to more business. Food and kindred products exhibited an increase because of seasonal factors. Chemical and allied products added workers due to more production. Petroleum and coal products moved down because of less business.

Mining edged downward. Construction registered no change from the previous month. Transportation and public utilities showed a slight decrease mostly due to the decrease in local port activity. Small gains in wholesale trade were offset by losses in retail trade. Finance, insurance and real estate moved down. Services exhibited a significant overall seasonal increase. Government added workers in both the local and federal government segments.

Production workers in the area earned an average of $428.90 per week in May, down $9.70 from last month's average. Average weekly hours were 40.5, down 0.3 hours from the previous month. Average hourly earnings were $10.59, down $0.12 from the previous month. Compared to one year ago, earnings are up $12.38 in manufacturing.

Estimated unemployment for May was 50,200. The unemployment rate was 8.5 percent. Recipients of regular unemployment insurance benefits totaled 8,813.

SHREVEPORT AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	May 1989*	April 1989**	May 1988**	Net Change From April 1989	Net Change From May 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	128.9	128.0	131.4	+ 0.9	- 2.5
MANUFACTURING	17.3	17.5	18.0	- 0.2	- 0.7
Durable Goods	12.4	12.6	12.9	- 0.2	- 0.5
Lumber and Wood Products	0.4	0.4	0.5	0	- 0.1
Metals and Machinery	7.0	7.1	7.5	- 0.1	- 0.5
Primary and Fabricated Metals	2.0	2.0	1.7	0	+ 0.3
Machinery, Inc. Electrical	5.0	5.1	5.8	- 0.1	- 0.8
Other Durable Goods	5.0	5.1	4.9	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Nondurable Good	4.9	4.9	5.1	0	- 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	0.7	0.7	0.8	0	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
Petroleum & Coal Products	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	2.2	2.2	2.3	0	- 0.1
MINING	3.0	3.0	3.3	0	- 0.3
CONSTRUCTION	6.5	6.4	6.5	+ 0.1	0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	8.0	8.1	8.0	- 0.1	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	31.4	31.3	31.7	+ 0.1	- 0.3
Wholesale Trade	7.3	7.4	7.5	- 0.1	- 0.2
Retail Trade	24.1	23.9	24.2	+ 0.2	- 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	6.2	6.2	6.8	0	- 0.6
SERVICES	31.0	30.2	31.7	+ 0.8	- 0.7
GOVERNMENT	25.5	25.3	25.4	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
Federal	4.9	4.8	4.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
State and Local	20.6	20.5	20.6	+ 0.1	0
State	6.4	6.4	6.3	0	+ 0.1
Local	14.2	14.1	14.3	+ 0.1	- 0.1

SHREVEPORT AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	May '89*	April '89**	May '88**	May '89*	April '89**	May '88**	May '89*	April '89**	May '88**
All MANUFACTURING	$457.52	$437.40	$465.68	42.6	39.8	40.6	$10.74	$10.99	$11.47
Lumber and Wood Products	354.77	344.27	244.61	41.3	39.3	33.1	8.59	8.76	7.39
Metals and Machinery	439.63	407.46	444.98	48.1	42.8	41.9	9.14	9.52	10.62
Food and Kindred Products	365.06	368.19	348.04	43.1	44.2	44.0	8.47	8.33	7.91
Printing and Publishing	287.22	272.16	362.52	32.9	31.5	38.0	8.73	8.64	9.54
Petroleum and Coal Products	642.00	574.13	559.30	50.0	44.3	46.3	12.84	12.96	12.08

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 12,700 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

SHREVEPORT AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

The Shreveport MSA had an estimated 128,900 in total nonagricultural wage and salary employment, up from 128,000 in April. The employment gain in nonmanufacturing was partially offset by a 200 job loss in manufacturing.

Manufacturing employment dropped to 17,300, down from 17,500 in April and 18,000 in May, 1988. All of the job losses from April to May occurred in the manufacturing of durable goods.

The nonmanufacturing employment estimate reflects a moderate seasonal gain in the services sector with the start of a new racing season. Total services jobs increased from 30,200 in April to 31,000 in May. Additional over-the-month job increases occurred in construction, retail trade, local and federal government. The nonmanufacturing employment total rose from 110,500 in April to 111,600 in May.

There were an estimated 12,700 manufacturing production workers in the Shreveport MSA with average weekly earnings of $457.52 during May, 1989. These production workers had an average of 42.6 weekly hours. This was an increase of 2.8 hours from April to May. The average weekly earnings increased $22.12. The majority of this change occurred in petroleum and coal products production. The average hourly earnings of $10.74 fell below the April average of $10.99.

The Shreveport MSA in May, 1989 had a civilian labor force of 157,900, comprised of 142,900 employed and 15,000 unemployed, giving an unemployment rate of 9.5 percent.

NSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19th OF MAY 1989

Industry	LOUISIANA			ALEXANDRIA AREA			BATON ROUGE AREA		
	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE
Mining (10-14)	2,209	1,812	397	47	45	2	32	23	9
Contract Construction (15-17)	9,104	6,060	3,044	269	210	59	1,451	1,039	412
Manufacturing (20-29)	4,539	2,387	2,152	126	57	69	186	112	74
Trans., Comm., & Utilities (40-49)	1,780	1,036	744	40	21	19	120	64	56
Wholesale Trade (50-51)	1,185	802	383	65	46	19	138	93	45
Retail Trade (52-59)	5,427	3,089	2,338	205	134	71	493	233	260
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	1,332	1,040	292	29	26	3	160	131	29
Services & Misc. (70-89 and 91-09)	7,066	3,897	3,169	252	153	99	746	413	333
Public Administration (91-97)	1,086	537	549	52	29	23	117	42	75
All Others	66	31	35	0	0	0	14	5	9
Totals	33,794	20,691	13,103	1,085	721	364	3,457	2,155	1,302
Occupations									
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	3,913	3,175	738	93	74	19	446	345	101
Clerical and Sales	7,420	5,292	2,128	253	201	52	769	502	267
Services Occupations	3,467	1,124	2,343	158	59	99	294	75	219
Agri., Fishing, Forestry & Related Occ.	435	162	273	15	12	3	26	9	17
Processing Occupations	982	499	483	9	6	3	51	32	19
Machine Trades	1,672	1,089	583	93	54	39	174	127	47
Benchwork Occupations	1,188	636	552	31	16	15	55	40	15
Structural Work Occupations	9,057	5,717	3,340	281	204	77	1,310	855	455
Miscellaneous Occupations	5,660	2,997	2,663	152	95	57	332	170	162
Totals	33,794	20,691	13,103	1,085	721	364	3,457	2,155	1,302

INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19th OF MAY 1989

Industry	HOUMA-THIBODAUX AREA			LAFAYETTE AREA			LAKE CHARLES AREA		
	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE
Mining (10-14)	156	127	29	401	320	*81	43	39	4
Contract Construction (15-17)	237	193	44	242	170	72	450	376	74
Manufacturing (20-29)	273	202	71	161	80	81	85	44	41
Trans., Comm., & Utilities (40-49)	93	78	15	60	45	15	45	29	16
Wholesale Trade (50-51)	73	63	10	52	37	15	32	24	8
Retail Trade (52-59)	201	155	46	269	156	113	199	152	47
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	25	24	1	71	62	9	34	26	8
Services & Misc. (70-89 and 01-09)	194	121	73	286	197	89	259	180	79
Public Administration (91-97)	36	23	13	46	29	17	24	17	7
All Others	1	1	0	3	1	2	0	0	0
Totals	1,289	987	302	1,591	1,097	494	1,171	887	284
Occupations									
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	122	114	8	270	243	27	132	119	13
Clerical and Sales	224	191	33	416	330	86	263	224	39
Services Occupations	109	60	49	175	64	111	115	50	65
Agri., Fishing, Forestry & Related Occ.	9	3	6	20	15	5	14	2	12
Processing Occupations	154	112	42	63	24	39	38	24	14
Machine Trades	60	54	6	63	45	18	68	45	23
Benchwork Occupations	10	7	3	35	15	20	16	12	4
Structural Work Occupations	352	269	83	245	164	81	380	302	78
Miscellaneous Occupations	249	177	72	304	197	107	145	109	36
Totals	1,289	987	302	1,591	1,097	494	1,171	887	284

INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19th OF MAY 1989

Industry	MONROE AREA			NEW ORLEANS AREA			SHREVEPORT AREA		
	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	NON-WHITE	WHITE
Mining (10-14)	22	21	1	164	114	50	116	103	13
Contract Construction (15-17)	266	190	76	2,026	1,191	835	531	318	213
Manufacturing (20-29)	179	116	63	851	452	399	575	306	269
Trans., Comm., & Utilities (40-49)	23	17	6	861	425	436	132	79	53
Wholesale Trade (50-51)	14	8	6	443	288	155	143	93	50
Retail Trade (52-59)	234	136	98	2,074	1,051	1,023	467	228	239
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	30	23	7	622	443	179	191	148	43
Services & Misc. (70-89 and 01-09)	260	144	116	2,627	1,352	1,275	631	312	319
Public Administration (91-97)	30	12	18	251	96	155	104	45	59
All Others	0	0	0	28	17	11	1	1	0
Totals	1,058	667	391	9,947	5,429	4,518	2,891	1,633	1,258
Occupations									
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	123	104	19	1,626	1,257	369	344	293	51
Clerical and Sales	275	217	58	2,881	1,816	1,065	699	507	192
Services Occupations	127	30	97	1,230	308	922	339	66	273
Agri., Fishing, Forestry & Related Occ.	7	3	4	55	22	33	33	14	19
Processing Occupations	10	7	3	170	62	108	37	9	28
Machine Trades	90	56	34	384	248	136	192	93	99
Benchwork Occupations	57	33	24	145	58	87	291	161	130
Structural Work Occupations	211	140	71	2,056	1,122	934	547	324	223
Miscellaneous Occupations	158	77	81	1,400	536	864	409	166	243
Totals	1,058	667	391	9,947	5,429	4,518	2,891	1,633	1,258

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Introduction

The Louisiana Department of Labor (LDOL) has completed a Quality Control (QC) review of its Unemployment Insurance (UI) Benefit Program for 1988. This review was done under guidelines and procedures established by the Employment and Training Administration of the U. S. Department of Labor.

What is Quality Control?

The Unemployment Insurance QC program is a diagnostic tool used by LDOL to monitor the accuracy of Unemployment Insurance benefit payments. Weekly representative samples from the entire population of UI payments are drawn and examined intensively to determine if these payments were made to eligible claimants and if these claimants were paid proper amounts.

The focus of each case review is a payment for a specific week of unemployment, referred to as the "key week". A team of QC auditors conducts comprehensive reviews of these "key week" payments. Each review includes at a minimum, a claimant interview, employer wage verification, review of Agency records, and verification that work search and other eligibility requirements have been met. Quality Control procedure requires that all information be obtained in-person, even in cases where information must be obtained from another state. Errors identified during these reviews are used as a basis for corrective actions and program improvements.

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE QUALITY CONTROL

ANNUAL REPORT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1988

Total Dollars Paid in Population	$201,157,733
Sample Size	791

	Percentage of Dollars	95% Confidence Interval (+/-)
Proper Payments	80.8%	3.0%
Overpayments	19.2%	3.0%
	100.0%	
Underpayments	1.0%	0.4%

0.1% of cases in sample were not completed when this report was prepared.

Additional information available upon request from the Office of the Assistant Secretary, Louisiana Department of Labor, Office of Employment Security, (504) 342-3013.

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